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MENORANDUM FOR HR. MOGEORGE BUILDY THE VHITE HOUSE

Subject: 16 May Letter to the President from the Poreign Intelligence Advisory Board

The points raised by Dr. Killian in his 16 May letter to the President are well taken and I can assure you that the Department chares the concern expressed by Mr. Killian's heard and in fully conscious of the impact our cuter opace regotiations in the UN and elsewhere can have on the national security. All the position papers prepared to date for UN, Disarmement or other negotiations have been designed to protect our current reconnaissance satellite capabilities and our freedom of action in the future.

Department believes that a thorough re-examination of US soling for the political handling of our recommissance satellite program is necessary and suggests that the Fresident direct the issuemes of a hational Society Action Managendum calling upon the Departments of State and Defense and on CIA to develop urgently recommendations on this subject for approval by the President. The Department of State would be happy to accept the chairmanable of the drafting group.

The other problems noted by Dr. Killian have already been dealt with or are in the process of settlement. Specifically, the position papers for the UN outer space

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sectings that open in denova on May 25 have been fully coordinated with the Department of Befores, MASA, ACMA, and there appropriate, with CIA. In the same of the particularly sensitive issue of a possible Soviet initiative for a joint declaration beaming the use of outer space for recommissionistic position paper was also reviewed by the Special Group. I am not make of any difference of views among the agencies conserved.

In this connection, the mechanisms for inter-agency occrdination on outer space problems have worked well in the past and I am confident that they will prove adequate in the future. The Special Group, VAIR and its outconsistance, and the individual agency lisison channels insure thorough and responsible review of position papers towning on reconscissance satellite problems. In the appealal case of ACDA, which is not a member of the Special Group or of USIR, hill Foster and I have taken stope to establish an effective limited channel for all matters pertaining not only to satellite reconscissance but to intelligence of all kinds. I believe such lisison stready sates between ACDA and CIA and the Department of Defense.

involved in discussions on the uses of outer space at the the or elsewhere on US satellite pregrams, the hopertment has already indoctrinated most of these officials. Askessador Francis Flighton, sonior US delegate, and Loomard Mesker, US representative to the Legal Subcommittee, have been cleared and briefed in connection with the forthcoming mestings in Central.

Since the conjusting forum and issues in the outer appear field are growing in number and complexity, the Department forcess a need to brief more policy-anking officers on the facts of our catalite recommainsence programs then can reasonably be accommodated under the strict rules governing authorization for clearences. These officers would solden have any requirement for access to operational details of these programs or to their intelligence product and thus could not qualify on a need-to-improve basis for any of

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the existing clearances. I believe that a new claurance should be exceeded for these cases which would provide entises protection for the source but beauty exitate prileg-enting officials to incorrections of the US cutollite progress. I keep instructed the appropriate office in the Department to Grew up projects for this observation and they will be forested to SIA for countdorn-time in a for days.

I have enclosed for your approval a deaft reply from the Frontient to Dr. Killian in the same of this emporandum. The members of the Special Group have concurred in this

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